

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the way that certain narrow interests feel that nothing, including the FCC, can stop them from using public airwaves for their own purposes, even if it means eschewing their legal obligations to serve the public interest. We trust companies like Sinclair, who use the public airwaves free of charge, to observe the tenets of fair election practices. Clearly, Sinclair feels it is above such requirements. It is my hope that the FCC will fulfill its basic purpose by stopping Sinclair in this blatantly biased electioneering.

In a broader sense. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them.

Thank you very much for your attention.